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To whom it may concern:

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I urge the FDA to do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and **regulate** refrigeration temperatures.

The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because it has been **scientifically** shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hen's immune system,

Banning the practice of forced molting will reduce diseases in humans and reduce the cruelty to hens. This is important for positive consumer perception of the FDA.

The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. I urge this petition be granted without further delay.

Respectfully yours,

Ms. Davidson

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